

The City of Bloomington Volunteer Network's



# News from the Network

Connecting you to the volunteer community



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## Greetings Volunteer Network Members:

This has been anything but a slow summer here at the Volunteer Network. As we head into fall and the return of the IU and local student population, we are excited to share with you the information in this newsletter. There are announcements about many ways to embrace these last few weeks of summer as a time of preparation for the flood of activity that will be here before we know it.

And finally, one great piece of news. We are at last ready to debut our new online volunteer matching and management system on [www.bloomington.in.gov/volunteer](http://www.bloomington.in.gov/volunteer)! The system, which uses nationally proven software, will serve as our community's virtual volunteer center linking agencies needing volunteers with individuals and groups looking for ways to serve. And it's totally free!

We will hold a series of 16 orientation sessions throughout the month of August to give all of our Network members a convenient opportunity to read our new Terms and Conditions of Use, update contact information, post new volunteer opportunities and become familiar with the system. Thanks for your help with this enormous project!

~Bet & Lucy

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## NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Register for the Volunteer Managers Website Orientation – sessions held throughout August

Attending an orientation session is **strongly encouraged**, so that you become familiar with the new features available to you as a volunteer program manager. All attendees will receive a printed Volunteer Network Users Guide. To offer the most one on one attention, we are limiting each session to 10 people.

Topics covered:

- Receive your password
- Read terms and conditions of use
- Log in to your account
- Update your agency profile
- Add volunteer opportunities
- Manage volunteer referrals
- Manage volunteer hours
- Manage Community Wish List items
- Get your questions answered!

Orientation Day/Date	Time	Location
Friday, Aug 1	8:30-10 a.m.	City Hall Computer Lab (401 N. Morton St., second floor)
Monday, Aug 4	3:30-5 p.m.	City Hall Computer Lab (401 N. Morton St., second floor)
Thursday, Aug 7	8:30-10 a.m.	City Hall Computer Lab (401 N. Morton St., second floor)
Friday, Aug 8	8:30-10 a.m.	City Hall Computer Lab (401 N. Morton St., second floor)
Tuesday, Aug 12	8:30-10 a.m. & 3:30-5 p.m.	City Hall Computer Lab (401 N. Morton St., second floor)
Thursday, Aug 14	8:30-10 a.m. & 3:30-5 p.m.	City Hall Computer Lab (401 N. Morton St., second floor)
Monday, Aug 18	8:30-10 a.m. & 3:30-5 p.m.	City Hall Computer Lab (401 N. Morton St., second floor)
Tuesday, Aug 19	8:30-10 a.m. & 3:30-5 p.m.	City Hall Computer Lab (401 N. Morton St., second floor)
Tuesday, Aug 26	8:30-10 a.m. & 3:30-5 p.m.	City Hall Computer Lab (401 N. Morton St., second floor)
Thursday, Aug 28	8:30-10 a.m. & 3:30-5 p.m.	City Hall Computer Lab (401 N. Morton St., second floor)

Register TODAY, contact [volunteer@bloomington.in.gov](mailto:volunteer@bloomington.in.gov) or call 349-3433 with your preferred orientation session day and time to reserve your seat.

### First Volunteer VIP Gathering a Success

Over 25 VIPs from 20 agencies filled the room at the First United Methodist Church on July 15<sup>th</sup> to learn and share along with their professional peers. In addition to the presentation on volunteer fairs, those in attendance were able to generate a listing of suggested future topics for VIP gatherings. If you have a topic idea, but were not able to attend this month, please forward it to [volunteer@bloomington.in.gov](mailto:volunteer@bloomington.in.gov). Mark your calendar for the next VIP meeting on September 16<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 p.m. More details to follow soon.

### Chamber of Commerce Award Nominations – due August 15



On September 24, 2008 at its Annual Meeting, the Greater Bloomington Chamber of Commerce will honor those individuals and organizations that have distinguished themselves through **outstanding volunteerism, accomplishments and contributions within our community**. This is your opportunity to recognize individuals and organizations in our community that **excel by paving the way for improvement, change and dynamic community presence**. [Read more.](#)

### Best Practices in Volunteer Management Conference – August 6

The Central Indiana Association of Volunteer Administrators (CIAVA) is hosting an all day conference in Indianapolis at the Adam's Mark. The conference is highlighted by two national speakers, Cheryle Yallen and Christopher Akers. [Download the brochure](#) or view details and registration information online [here](#). The conference cost includes a continental breakfast, lunch buffet and afternoon snack. The price was just reduced to \$90 to help with driving expenses and encourage volunteer administrators from southern Indiana to attend. If you're interested in carpooling, please contact Bet Savich at 349-3472 or [volunteer@bloomington.in.gov](mailto:volunteer@bloomington.in.gov)

### VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

#### Hand in Hand

Congratulations to the Hossler Family- including dad **Don**, mom **Carol Anne** and son **Jonathan** - as one of twenty families recognized nationally by the Auntie Anne Pretzel Company Foundation's "A Twist on Giving Back" program. Nominated by Stone Belt, the Hosslers were selected as an innovative volunteer family for their creation of the Hand in Hand Project. [Read More.](#)



### RESOURCES & MATERIALS

#### Volunteer Fair Tips and Resources



Fall is coming fast and volunteer recruitment season is almost upon us. Now is the time to get your recruitment materials in order. Gather some of the helpful tips collected at this month's Volunteer VIP gathering that focused on "Making the Most of Volunteer Fairs". Included are listings of annual fairs that you can sign up for and tips and suggestions for giving your booth a boost! [Download these resources now.](#)

### CALENDAR

**Aug. 1, 4, 7, 8, 12, 14, 18, 19, 26 & 28**

#### Volunteer Solutions Orientation Sessions

Sign up to get your users guide and get oriented to this new volunteer management system. See more info above. To register, contact the Volunteer Network at 349-3433 or [volunteer@bloomington.in.gov](mailto:volunteer@bloomington.in.gov).

**Aug. 6**

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**Sept. 1 (Labor Day)****IU New Student Service Day**

New Student Service Day, sponsored by the IU Orientation office, is a great opportunity for students to get involved with Bloomington -- their new community. Students will join other members of their incoming class in various community service projects around Bloomington and the IUB campus. To propose a project for these student volunteers at your organization, contact Emily McCallister at 855-4357 or [emccalli@indiana.edu](mailto:emccalli@indiana.edu).

**Sept. 9****IU Student Involvement Fair**

The IU Fall Volunteer Opportunities Fair will be incorporated into the Student Involvement Fair this year. It was estimated that 800 to 1200 students participated last year! That's a lot of potential volunteers. Sign up now to have a booth at <http://orientation.indiana.edu/IUSIF>

**Oct 29-30****2008 BoardSource Leadership Forum**

Nonprofit leaders are invited to join the discussion at the 2008 BoardSource Leadership Forum in Washington, D.C. Registration Fee. [Read More](#).

**Nov. 1****CareFest sponsored by Sherwood Oaks Christian Church**

CareFest, sponsored by Sherwood Oaks Christian Church, unites hundreds of volunteers for one purpose - to make a difference by serving community assistance organizations and public schools. Group volunteer projects are being solicited from nonprofit organizations who could utilize the assistance of CareFest volunteers. For more information about CareFest, contact Lyne Brown at [lbrown@socc.org](mailto:lbrown@socc.org).

**National Days of Service in 2008**

August 2: Community Build Day

September 11: MyGoodDeed.org

October 19 – 25: Kids Care Week

October 25: Kids Care Week

November 22: National Family Volunteer Day

To learn more about any of the National Days of Service visit the [National Days of Service Calendar](#).

**WEEKLY VOLUNTEER UPDATE**

Get your volunteer recruitment efforts featured in the Weekly Volunteer Update! Wish you could reach thousands of interested potential volunteers with one simple task? You can!

[Submit your volunteer recruitment requests now.](#)

[Read the current Weekly Volunteer Update...](#)

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